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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: CLARIFICATION OF PROPOSAL

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CAPE TOWN 369,

FOLLOWING IS JOINT REPORT OF CAPE TOWN FIVE ON THEIR INFORMAL
MEETING WITH FOURIE THIS MORNING, FEB. 27:

QUOTE:

1. THE CAPE TOWN FIVE MET INFORMALLY WITH BRAND FOURIE THIS
MORNING FOR HALF AN HOUR TO PRESENT THE WESTERN FIVE'S
REACTIONS TO HIS COMMENTS ON THE CLARIFYING LANGUAGE.
FOURIE DID NOT MAKE ANY OBSERVATIONS ON THE PAPER, SAYING
THAT HE WISHED TO HAVE TIME TO STUDY IT FIRST.

2. FOURIE THEN SAID BOTHA HAD ASKED HIM TO RELAY TO US
SOME IMPRESSIONS OF HIS TRIP TO WINDHOEK WHERE HE CONFERRED
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WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL. THESE HAD TO DO WITH
THE THREE PRINCIPAL OUTSTANDING POINTS, NAMELY:

(A) SIZE AND LOCATION OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN RESIDUAL FORCE.

(B) SIZE AND FUNCTION OF THE UNTAG.

(C) RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL AND THE UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE.

3. FOURIE SAID THAT ON THE FIRST POINT THE ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL REPORTED THAT NOT A SINGLE POLITICAL GROUP IN NAMIBIA WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL OF THE WESTERN FIVE. THEY WERE "ABSOLUTELY ADAMANT" IN SUPPORT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN POSITION. IN MAKING THIS POINT FOURIE INDICATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL TRIED TO CONSULT WITH SWAPO BUT THEY DECLINED.

4. WITH RESPECT TO UNTAG, FOURIE SAID THAT ALL THE GROUPS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE WESTERN PROPOSALS.

5. ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL AND THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, FOURIE SAID THAT THE GROUPS WERE ADAMANT THAT THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD NOT HAVE AN OVER-RIDING ROLE. HE SAID THAT WE WERE INCREASINGLY GETTING AWAY FROM THE ORIGINAL CONCEPT OF "TO SATISFY HIMSELF," BUT HE SAW A RAY OF LIGHT IN AN APPROPRIATE FORMULATION FOR DISPUTE SETTLEMENT MECHANISM.

6. TURNING TO OTHER ASPECTS OF THE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM, FOURIE CALLED OUR ATTENTION TO A STATEMENT MADE BY NUJOMA DURING A TELEVISION INTERVIEW WITH SABC WHILE IN NEW YORK. THIS WAS BROADCAST LAST NIGHT AND CONFIDENTIAL

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APPEARS IN THE MORNING'S PRESS. IN PARTICULAR NUJOMA HAD SAID THAT SWAPO WAS NOT FIGHTING FOR MAJORITY RULE. HE SAID "MAJORITY RULE IS OUT. WE ARE FIGHTING TO SEIZE POWER IN NAMIBIA FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE. WE ARE REVOLUTIONARIES, WE ARE NOT COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES. YOU CAN TALK TO KAPUWO OR KERINA AND ALL THOSE REACTIONAIRES ABOUT MAJORITY RULE, BUT NOT TO SWAPO." FOURIE COMMENTED THAT REMARKS LIKE THESE HAD A PUBLIC REACTION BOTH IN SOUTH AFRICA AND IN NAMIBIA. FOURIE WENT ON TO MENTION THE RECENT ABDUCTION OF CHILDREN FROM ST MARY'S SCHOOL IN OVAMBO (CAPE TOWN 343). HE SAID THIS EQUALLY HARDENED SWA ATTITUDES. HE ALSO TOOK THE OCCASION TO RAISE THE CAPTURE OF A SOUTH AFRICAN SOLDIER VAN DE MESCHT (CAPE TOWN 323, PARA 1). FOURIE SAID THAT IF ANYTHING HAPPENED TO HIM AND HE DID NOT COME BACK ALIVE, THIS WILL BE A "GRAVE OBSTACLE" TO A SETTLEMENT.

7. AS INSTRUCTED, WE ASKED FOURIE ABOUT THE PROMISED INFORMATION ON ETHNIC FORCES, COMMANDOS, ETC. AND THE DEFINITION OF SMALL ARMS FOR POLICE. ON THE FIRST POINT HE SAID THAT HE WAS STILL ACCUMULATING INFORMATION AND WOULD FURNISH THIS WHEN COMPLETED. WITH RESPECT TO THE

ARMS FOR THE POLICE, HE SAID THAT THERE WAS DISAGREEMENT
WITHIN THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AS TO WHAT CONSTITUTES
THE NORMAL PERFORMANCE OF POLICE DUTIES AND WHAT ARMS
WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO SUCH DUTIES.

8. BEFORE CONCLUDING THE MEETING WE INDICATED THAT WE
DID NOT EXPECT THERE WOULD BE MUCH ROOM LEFT FOR
MODIFICATION OF THE LANGUAGE OF OUR PROPOSALS. THERE
WERE, HOWEVER, STILL SEVERAL OF THE BASIC DIFFERENCES
LISTED BY BOTHA IN NEW YORK WHICH WE WOULD LIKE TO
DISCUSS WITH BOTHA AT AN INFORMAL MEETING SOMETIME
LATER THIS WEEK. WE WERE AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS ON
THIS. FOURIE DID NOT SPECIFICALLY REACT TO THIS, BUT,
AS WE WERE ABOUT TO LEAVE, NOTED THAT TIME WAS RUNNING
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